

Advisory Council Meeting May 13, 2021 Minutes

<u>Members Present:</u>	Royce Boehrs Sharon Courtney Lisa Hays Ellen Pihlstrom	Elaine Boni Myles Crane Alexis LaHaie	David Born Joe Glomboski Margaret Long
<u>Members Absent:</u>	Jill Couch	Kirsten Hartman	Punkie Whitely
<u>Staff Present:</u>	Tina Corrigan-Hugo Suzanna Hetchler Commissioner Shadduck- McNally	Dani DePas Nicole Limoges Mark Sleeter	Megin Harpstrite Lori Metz Katie Stieber
<u>Guests Present:</u>	Dixie Huff	Janet Seeley	

CALL TO ORDER

Ellen Pihlstrom called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m.

CONSIDERATION OF TODAY'S AGENDA AND MINUTES OF April 8, 2021

Myles Crane emailed clarification of CCOA meetings. Minutes accepted with amendments.

OFFICE ON AGING STAFF UPDATES

Katie Stieber reported on the following:

- Thanked Advisory Council and staff for work on Older American's Month Awards Ceremony.
- Family Caregiver Support Program staff is working on virtual classes and an in-person Caregiver Pampering Day in the fall.
- Receiving information an inflex of funding from the American Rescue Plan.
- Ombudsman Morale Booster, thank you to Council support.
- 825 vaccine letters sent to clients who may be homebound.
- Nicole announced that the Commissioner's office has selected our Council for evaluation. As part of this, Nicole will send out a six-question survey due at the end of June.





COMMITTEE & STAFF REPORTS

Executive Committee

Ellen Pihlstrom reported:

- Planned May, June, and July meetings. June will have a presentation from Wish of a Lifetime, an overview of AARP programs and proposed budget for 2022.
- Discussed new member orientation.
- Discussed staffing, intern is finished and morale booster.

Public Policy & Education (PP&E) Committee

Sharon Courtney reported:

- Planned Older Americans Month Award ceremony. Appreciate that all the Commissioners attended.
- Katie reported that staff is having plans for meeting in person and going into the office.
- Planning for meeting space for Council meetings next year.
- Caregiver Forum follow-up discussion.
- Colorado Senior Lobby is reorganizing to become a 501(c)3 as Colorado Center for Aging.
- Discussed new applications.

Grantee Management & Evaluation (GM&E) Committee

Margaret Long reported:

- Discussed the 3rd quarter Grantee Unit Report. Significant decreases in units due to COVID-19. Staff were able to adjust contracts to cover basic costs.
- Reviewed the budget. Currently revenues exceed anticipated expenditures, and more funding is coming through the American Rescue Plan. Margaret highlighted these funds must be obligated by 2024.
- Reviewed site visit reports.

LIAISON REPORTS

Larimer County Commissioners

Commissioner Shaddock-McNally reported on the following:

- Commented on how well the American Month Awards Ceremony went. Thanked all involved. The Commissioners will be reading the Older Americans Month Proclamation on May 18 at 9:00 a.m.
- Larimer website updated for the Office on Aging to have more of a presence.
- Gave an update on vaccine data. County goal is to get to 65% of the population vaccinated by May 25.
- Will be interviewing new Council members on June 16. This Council received the most applications, approximately 18.
- Reviewing the American Rescue Plan funding. Looking for transformational ideas to fund.



Myles Crane submitted the following reports via email. Thanked all involved with Caregiver Forum as well as the Older Americans Month Award ceremony.

Fort Collins Senior Advisory Board

- Unanimously approved motion recommending that City Council support additional funding for the community's Mental Health Response Team. City Manager and FCPS emailed their appreciation.
- Virtual meeting Wed May 12th 11:30 AM to 1:15 pm - public is invited to attend. Guest Speakers: Ross Cunniff, Immediate Past Mayor Pro Tem, Discussion: Major challenges facing older adults in Fort Collins. Lorye McLeod, Exec Director PAFC and Lifelong CO Steering Committee Member, Discussion: LifeLong Colorado Plan which Lorye helped to write. Worthwhile reading.

Colorado Commission on Aging:

- At CCOA meeting Myles asked Jarett Hughes, Senior Policy Advisor to the Governor (SPA) where he thinks funding might come from when his position expires in October 2021. Previous funding was from a grant which is no longer available. Jarett replied that he did not know. I further asked him how CCOA and other Commissions, Councils, Boards, and members of the public might provide encouragement to the Governor to extend the SPA position. His response was for as broad a base of individuals and organizations as possible throughout Colorado. After Jarett departed the meeting, CCOA approved unanimously a motion to extend the Senior Policy Advisor position to the Governor- suggesting further that this position be done on a permanent basis.
- CCOA members also presented before a Senate committee in which Senator Ginal cited the good work of Larimer County's Office on Aging.

Loveland Senior Advisory Board (SAB)

Dixie Huff submitted the following report via email:

- Mayor Marsh gave an update on City Council happenings.
- Discussed whether we will advocate for free or reduced senior rates on COLT, City of Loveland Transport buses. We will set up a time to ride and then proceed.
- There was discussion on what we would want to accomplish with a survey of seniors and two people who appointed to a committee for further work on this.
- Decided to not cancel the July meeting since it isn't that close to July 4th.

Partnership for Age-Friendly Communities (PAFC)

Kirsten Hartman provided the following report via email. Sharon gave the verbal report.

- Low on blogs for Graceful Aging Blog. These are essays, about 400 -450 words. Barbara Fleming will edit it. If you are interested, contact Kirsten.
- Sound Affects has been providing more music at different facilities. They are now developing a program to provide devices as radios, CD players etc. to people who need these things, again in facilities.
- Social Isolation Project had a meeting with Stakeholders yesterday and will follow up on Wed. May 19.
- Virtual Gateways Catalogue has now added a section called "Do it Yourself". In addition, they are looking for volunteers to create more sections.
- Also, we are looking for volunteers to be "Tech Buddies".
- Check out website at: <https://www.pafclarimer.org>.
- Myles added: Debrief of Intergenerational Conversations and asked Commissioners Shadduck-McNally to comment on *Civic Saturday*.



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ellen referred to Myles CCOA report on the Senior Policy Advisor position. If the Commissioners agree with the proposal, Ellen asked that the Larimer County Office on Aging hereby consider writing a letter of support to the Governor's office recommending to the Governor that funding for this position be secured so that the interests of aging older adults in Larimer County and throughout Colorado continue to be represented directly to the Governor. All members were in favor, motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Ellen adjourned the meeting at 3:27 p.m.